

NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE CAREER SERVICE AWARD

TO

MR. JOHN F. BLAKE

John F. Blake, Deputy Director for Administration, has been selected to receive the National Civil Service League's 1978 Career Service Award. In nominating Mr. Blake for this award I described him as "the glue which held the Agency together." These words were specifically intended to describe the unique contribution made by Mr. Blake during the seven months in which he served with distinction as Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. They are, however, also descriptive of Mr. Blake's performance throughout his career.

Mr. Blake is the Agency's senior administrative official, having served the United States Government for 35 years with distinction and substantive achievement. Because of his breadth of Agency experience, he is uniquely qualified to command the several major, diverse and highly essential components of the Administration Directorate. Through his knowledge, experience, personal dedication, and clearly demonstrated managerial ability, Mr. Blake has made significant and invaluable contributions to our mission and has become a shining example for all who aspire to leadership roles as professional administrators in CIA and indeed throughout the entire Intelligence Community.

The National Civil Service League Awards Program brings national attention to the unique contributions which Federal employees have made to our country. In 1978, ten Federal employees will receive the Career Service Award for Sustained Excellence for ten or more years of outstanding public service. Awards will be presented to the awardees at a ceremony in the Civil Service Commission Auditorium and it will be my pleasure to personally present Mr. Blake's award to him.

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